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WORLD BANK LOAN TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to extend $ 2.5 bn loans to India this fiscal;

(b) if so, whether this amount is lower than the targetted $ 3 billion annually during 2004-07;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the projects which are likely to be covered under this loan; and

(e) the manner in which the loan is likely to be repaid?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The World Bank`s Country Assistance Strategy for India for the period July 2004 - June 2008 envisages an annual loan assistance of upto US$ 2.15 billion.

(b) No separate targets have been fixed by the Government for the period 2004-2007.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During the current financial year, the World Bank has approved the following projects for loan assistance:

(i) Orissa Socio-Economic Development Loan

(ii) Rural Roads Project

(iii) Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project

(iv) Hydrology Project Phase II

(v) Karnataka Urban Water Sector Improvement Project

(e) Repayment of World Bank loan based on the terms of the agreement is made by the Government by keeping necessary provisions in the budget each year.